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Congress in 1864 passed a law authorizing employers' agents to go abroad and make contracts with workers to come to the U. S. and pay for their ocean passage by factory labor.

WHOLE NO. 544

Frank Lawrence to Consult With Gray and Rivers on Building Trades Matters

Frank Lawrence, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, will consult with Richard J. Gray and Herbert Rivers, president and secretary of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL, in Washington, D.C., in the near future, he announced this week.

Lawrence said he was authorized to make the Washington trip to discuss matters of importance to the building trades with Gray and Rivers during a recent two-day conference of the steering and organizational committees in Santa Barbara.

"As a result of these discussions and the importance of the subjects coming before the committees, I was authorized to make the trip," he said.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEET

"It is my intention while in Washington to attend the meeting of the House Appropriations Committee on behalf of the Port Commission of Sacramento, by whose authority as chairman of the Construction and Port Facilities Committee, I shall be present at the hearings in reference to the request of the commission for an appropriation of \$4,000,000."

Lawrence reported that he had held two important conferences with employers, a number of international representatives and representatives of several building and construction trades councils concerning conditions existing within the jurisdiction of many local councils. "The subjects covered at these meetings will also be discussed while I am in Washington," he said.

CONVENTION SOON

In the later months of this year, the State Building and Construction Trades Council will hold a convention at which time a complete report of all the activities of the state council for the past several months will be submitted to the membership, Lawrence said. "We have plans to strengthen our council and broaden its influence for the benefit of all our building tradesmen throughout the State."

Permanent LLPE for State AFL

(State Fed. Release)

SAN FRANCISCO.—Three hundred and fifty delegates, representing Labor Leagues for Political Education from Eureka to San Diego, assembled in Fresno, February 26, and voted a three-cent per member per month assessment, beginning March 1, to finance the activity of the California Labor League for Political Education on a permanent basis. The assembled body unanimously adopted this action because of their realization of the need to intensify and expand the activities of the California Labor League for the coming elections. The organization of anti-labor forces in the nation as a whole and in California, prompted this action, as well as the determination by labor to hold on to the gains won in November and to consolidate them. It is a reaffirmation of the policy embarked upon by the AFL nationally and locally to remain active on the political field.

A comprehensive platform stating specifically the position of the league on various national and statewide issues, as well as the structure of the organization and how it is to function was also unanimously concurred in. The platform and structure which was adopted will guide the activity of the league for the forthcoming year.

Great interest was also taken by the delegates in the report submitted by Secretary Haggerty dealing with legislation in the current session of the state legislature, which will reconvene March 7. Many anti-labor bills were discussed for the enlightenment of the delegates and their active participation in influencing their state senators and assemblymen was urged.

The conference went on record to adopt a statement dealing with the campaign that is now under way to repeal Proposition No. 4, Article XXV of the State Constitution. This statement opposes the campaign and gives the reasons why.

The Co-operative movement in Britain was born in 1844. It started with 28 members, all cotton spinners. There are now more than 10,000,000 members.

TEMOS TO CALL FOR MEMBERS OF NEW TEAMS

Members of proposed softball and bowling teams to be entered in the Salinas Recreation League by General Teamsters Union 890 will be recruited from the ranks of the union membership, according to Business Agent Albert Harris of Local 890.

Call for prospective candidates will be issued as soon as arrangements can be made, Harris said. Members interested will be asked to meet at the union headquarters to formulate plans for the competition.

The union will supply uniforms and all necessary equipment for the teams as part of the union's recreation program, Harris added. Teamsters are urged to watch the union's column in the Labor News weekly for detailed information on plans for the teams and recreation program.

ORGANIZING MOVE IN HOLLISTER AREA GETS UNDERWAY

Officials of San Jose and Salinas unions are beginning an intensive organizational campaign in San Benito County, particularly in the Hollister area, it was announced last week.

Otto E. Sargent, secretary and business manager of the Santa Clara Council Building and Construction Trades Council, and other union officials in that county are making almost daily trips to Hollister on organizational matters. Traveling from Salinas to Hollister last week were Al Everly, of Plumbers Union 503; J. B. McGinley, of Laborers Union 272, and Carl Lara, of Painters Union 1104 and Electricians Union 243.

CARPENTERS STATE MEET IN SAN JOSE

Approximately 250 delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters and the State Carpenters Auxiliary conventions in San Jose last weekend were due in their home towns this week.

Local unions sent delegates as follows:

Monterey Carpenters 1323 — George Webster
Salinas Carpenters 925 — Tom Mill and George Harter.
Santa Cruz Carpenters 829 — George Colby and Daltor Thomasson.

PG&E Project Hit By Rains, Work Slowed

Construction of the new Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant at Moss Landing was slowed considerably last week by bad weather, union officials reported.

Calls for men to resume work were due early this week as the big Stone & Webster project is expected to push ahead.

Officials of unions involved said that more than enough men are already enrolled for the project to supply demand for help until mid-summer.

Red Cross Dance Set for Mar. 25

Date of the dance to be sponsored by the Monterey County Central Labor Union of Salinas as a benefit for the American Red Cross has been set for Friday night, March 25, at the Birds Nest, near the Salinas Airport.

Music will be furnished by Jimmy DeNoon's KSBW Melody Rangers and specialty acts will be scheduled. Tickets, at \$1.25, are now on sale at union offices.

Soil in tobacco beds used to grow tiny plants for resetting is sometimes treated with calcium cyanamide and urea; the mixture kills weeds and prevents root knot, black root rot and other diseases.

Watsonville Pep Creamery Picketing Off

Compromise settlement of the dispute between Culinary-Bartenders Union 345 of Santa Cruz County and the Pep Creameries main store in Watsonville was announced late last week by Mildred Rowe, union secretary.

Mrs. Rowe met with Elmer Caylor, Pep manager; R. W. Norton and Hal Robinson, employer representatives, and Beckus and Matich, representing the Watsonville restaurant industry, on Saturday morning to reach the compromise terms.

As result of the meeting, the union, under advice from International Representative C. T. McDonough, signed the Santa Cruz area contract for the Watsonville Pep unit and in turn was informed that employer demands for reopening the Watsonville restaurant industry agreement have been withdrawn.

Membership of Local 345 voted in two meetings on Friday an acceptance of the contract for the Watsonville store when no settlement for the Santa Cruz store, also being picketed, was involved.

Vote in the Watsonville meeting was 49 for acceptance, 31 against. Santa Cruz members voted 37 to 0 against acceptance of the compromise for the Watsonville unit.

Due to the compromise settlement of the Watsonville unit dispute, Mrs. Rowe said picketing has been stopped also at the Santa Cruz store for the time being. The Santa Cruz picket line was a "supporting" move by the union to bolster the Watsonville picketing effort, she explained.

No settlement has been reached for the Monterey Pep outlet, picketed longer than that in Watsonville, Mrs. Rowe added.

George L. Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, said a negotiations meeting was scheduled with Pep this week.

New Watsonville Market Picketed By Butchers 506

Pickets were placed by Butchers Union 506 before the Town and Country shopping center on the Santa Cruz highway just beyond the Watsonville city limits last Friday—opening day for the new center.

Union officials could not be reached for details but were quoted as stating that the proposed hours of the meat market in the 15-store \$125,000 center were in violation of union regulations.

The market proposed to sell meat from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Union butcher shops close at 6 p.m. and all day Sundays.

SAN JOSE HAS NEW LABOR HOME

The new \$200,000 Labor Temple in San Jose, located at 45 North Santa Teresa St., has been occupied by 24 AFL unions of the San Jose area.

Built with funds raised through sale of stock to unions, the building is concrete, with full basement and two floors above the surface, has seven meeting halls ranging in size from 50 to 500 seating capacity, a club room, two kitchens, offices for 25 or more unions, and is modern throughout.

San Jose's ancient Labor Temple, at 72 N. Second St., is being torn down to make room for a parking lot now and later an apartment house. The old building, occupied by labor unions for 40 years, was built in 1888.

Fish Cannery Await Anchovy, Squid Packing

Canning of anchovies and squid by a few of the plants on Monterey's Cannery Row was awaited this week by members of Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey.

Union Secretary Roy Humbricht said that none of the plant operators had announced plans for the "summer pack" lines but that squid and anchovy packs would be first.

Everly in S.F.

Albert Everly, business agent for Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas, was called to San Francisco on business last weekend. He was due back on the job Monday.



CHANGE T-H?—Republican Senators Wayne Morse, left, of Oregon and Irving Ives of New York are shown conferring on the new labor law. If the Republicans have their way, the name of the Taft-Hartley act may be changed but plenty of its power against labor will remain.

Prominent Doctors Insist AMA Program 'Falls Short'

Baltimore.—The American Medical Association's 12-point program is not an adequate substitute for the health insurance proposals put forward by the Truman Administration, a group of 136 prominent physicians asserted last week.

The physicians, including many of the nation's top doctors at Johns Hopkins University Hospital here, had earlier protested the AMA's \$25 per member assessment to fight the national health insurance program.

"Until the association's proposals encompass a plan for the entire country which can provide comprehensive preventative and curative services for persons of moderate income as well as to the indigent, we believe that the public will not regard the program of the AMA as an adequate alternative for compulsory medical insurance," they stated. They want a conference of doctors, consumers, labor and other groups to work out an alternative plan. At another point in their statement, in which they made it clear they opposed the Administration plan, the doctors said the AMA's 12 points "fall far short" of meeting the nation's medical care needs.

The same criticism applies to a proposal advanced by Dr. Paul Magnuson of Veterans Administration, according to a spokesman for the Committee for the Nation's Health. Magnuson called his a "middle way" between the AMA's plan and the health insurance plan. Primarily, it would set up free diagnostic clinics and hospitals all over the country, and would have the federal and state governments make up any deficit between what individuals can pay their doctors and the cost of treatment recommended by the free clinics.

Calif. Important Aviation Center

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—California ranks second throughout the nation in the total number of airports operated, according to the Bulletin of Commerce issued by the United States Department of Commerce Field Service.

As of January 1, 1948, a total of 406 airports were recorded in California; almost half were commercial (189).

By states, California had the largest number of civil aircraft (including gliders)—10,221 as of January 1, 1948, according to the booklet just issued by the Department, entitled "Statistical Handbook of Civil Aviation," (1948 edition). The publication contains all available statistics through the year 1947 on aeronautical production and exports, scheduled air carrier operations, civil flying, federal airways, airports, accident analysis, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, etc. A reference copy is available for use in Room 308, Customhouse, San Francisco.

Wins Key By-Election

London.—Setting a record for a party in power, the Labor Party last week won its 31st Commons victory in a vital West London by-election, regarded by many as a straw vote for the next national election. The election, a straight Socialist-Tory fight, was waged on domestic problems such as housing, food rationing and taxes.

T-H Broadcast Sat., Check Stations!

Washington.—Four of the nation's top labor leaders will join with Senator Elbert D. Thomas (D, Utah) in a national radio broadcast Saturday, March 12, on the progress that Congress is making with repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Arranged and sponsored by the Democratic National Committee, the program will hear speeches by AFL President William Green, CIO Secretary-Treasurer James Carey, President Harvey Brown of the International Association of Machinists, and President George Harrison of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

The broadcast will be heard at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 12, over the stations of the American Broadcasting Company. Labor union member are urged to check with their local ABC stations or newspapers to see whether the broadcast will be received there or rebroadcast at a later hour that night.

Help Your Labor Press!

Word comes from the AFL-endorsed International Labor Press of America that a bill has been introduced in Congress that will "prove most detrimental, if not disastrous, to many of our labor publications."

The ILPA, the AFL, and your labor paper join in asking you, the readers, to come to the aid of our underdog labor press by protesting against the passage of this bill, which is known as Administration Bill H.R. 2945.

Purpose of the measure is to increase second class postal rates. President Mathew Woll of the ILPA states that the bill will prove not only disastrous to many labor papers but "will seriously affect the entire printing and publishing industry."

Labor unions and labor councils are asked to join in protesting the passage of this bill. Protests should be sent immediately to Congressman Tom Murray and members of the House Post Office Committee.

"Time is of the essence," states Pres. Woll. "Please act on this at once!"

In 1938, Britain's purchases of food, raw materials and industrial products from abroad added up to \$4,500,000, which made Britain the world's biggest customer.

Sixty per cent of the food consumed in Britain has to be imported.

"Boycott Legis. Conf.

(State Fed. Release)

SAN FRANCISCO.—Once again a concerted drive is being made by the California Legislative conference to inveigle American Federation of Labor unions into its orbit. This conference was inspired by the communists and was the guiding force behind the third party movement in the last election. At no time, however, did this movement attract any representative groups of the American Federation of Labor in California.

With the growing interest on the part of the members of the organized labor movement in the political field, this discredited organization is again seeking to create a facade behind which to conceal its true purpose, by snaring some AFL unions throughout the state. A number of Labor Leagues have been contacted by this so-called "legislative conference" and asked to participate in meetings and other "united" action.

The Executive Council of the Federation went on record at its last meeting in Fresno to warn the affiliated organizations again not to have anything whatsoever to do with this discredited organization which represents nothing but a number of innocents, in addition to the regular wheel horses of the party and their peripheral contacts.

With the decision to extend the organization of the California Labor League in all the communities in the state, there is no question but what the communist group will attempt to infiltrate. It is now apparent that this Legislative Conference will be used as the medium to accomplish this purpose. In order that the California Labor League for Political Education will not be compromised and exposed to any unwarranted attack, it is important that complete disassociation be maintained from this discredited organization.

GAUDIN SIGNS MECHANIC PACT OF LOCAL 1824

Gaudin Motor Co. of Salinas became the first automobile dealer of the area to sign a contract with Machinists and Mechanics Union 1824 when G. C. Gaudin, company manager, signed the agreement after negotiations with Union Business Agent A. B. Woodward.

The Ford-Mercury-Lincoln distributor thus becomes the only member of the Salinas Motor Car Dealers Assn. to operate as a fully union business.

Woodward said some 45 mechanics and machinists employed by the firm are covered by the agreement, which is the standard contract of the union and provides for wages, paid holidays and vacations.

Negotiations with the Gaudin firm have been under way for some time, Woodward added. Efforts to bring all motor car dealers in the area under union contract will be resumed at once.

Upholds Trust Conviction

Chicago.—Latest chapter in the three-year-old battle of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company to appeal anti-trust charges came last week when the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the conviction of the giant concern for conspiracy to monopolize trade. The court's decision means the company must face a \$175,000 fine levied in the original court in 1946.

Meetings Now Are Compulsory For Teamsters

Effective April 1, 1949, all members of General Teamsters and Warehousemen's Union 890 of Monterey County must attend at least one meeting each quarter or pay an assessment, this new regulation voted by the membership in recent meetings.

Assessment for non-attendance of at least one regular meeting per quarter will be \$2.50. Should a member not attend a called meeting for negotiations purposes, when officially called upon, the assessment will be \$5.

Meetings will be held in Salinas henceforth on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Moose Hall, 121-A Monterey Avenue, Salinas. Next meeting is April 12.

Meetings are held in Monterey on the second Thursday of each month at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St. Next meeting is April 14.

State AFL Strongly Opposes Drive to Repeal Prop. No. 4

(Calif. State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco.—The initiative petition now being circulated under the sponsorship of the Council for the Blind proposes to repeal Proposition No. 4, now Article XXV of the State Constitution. The petition seeks to repeal every provision contained in Article XXV when it was known as Proposition No. 4, and, finally, to provide that everything in the proposed initiative would at all times be subject to amendment and repeal by the legislature.

Proponents of the initiative contend, however, that the increase obtained through so-called Proposition No. 4 will be retained at the \$75 a month level for the aged and needy and \$85 a month for the blind.

The main opposition by the Council for the Blind to existing sections of Article XXV of the Constitution is and has been that it adversely affects the interests of their members.

BENEFICIAL PROVS. While we do not desire to champion the provisions of Article XXV, we believe it is obvious that it contains many very beneficial provisions, such as the repeal of the relatives' responsibility clause.

It is our belief that if the Council for the Blind desired nothing more than to remove the objectionable provisions of Article XXV as far as their rights are concerned, greater merit could be found in their initiative. However, the initiative completely nullifies many of the beneficial advances contained in Article XXV and restores pre-existing conditions found prior to its enactment.

For many years the Federation has sought, through the state legislature, to repeal the relatives' responsibility clause and to obtain greater amounts in exemptions, as well as to increase the benefits for the aged and needy and the blind, but the efforts were of no avail. That this has been accomplished by so-called Proposition No. 4 cannot be ignored.

ADMINISTRATION

In regard to state administration of the benefits, it must be recognized that greater uniformity is established thereby, which undoubtedly can eliminate unevenness in the administration of the benefits based on local levels, due to the opportunity that exists for the rendering of different interpretations in the application of the law. It cannot be denied that it is not desirable to have to appeal a decision that an applicant may consider discriminatory to the same authorities who made it. Such a difficulty, however, can be remedied without invalidating the beneficial portions of the act as it now stands.

It is a fact that certain elements in the state who have consistently and persistently opposed the liberalization of the social security provisions of the act are supporting the campaign to repeal it. It is not inconceivable that these very elements are ultimately concerned with eliminating all the liberal provisions of the act and the act itself, rather than to try to remedy the difficulties that may exist and to improve it.

A constructive approach to the whole problem would be one that would seek to repeal those provisions of the act which are not equitable and preserve its beneficial portions. The present repeal measure, however, would nullify the good as well as the bad parts of the present act.

TALK WITH LABOR?

It has been conceded by the Council for the Blind that they did not discuss the initiative with any other group other than their own Council. Had they consulted with the people who are interested in developing a social security program as possible, many of the objectionable features of the law might have been eliminated by the initiative without resorting to such an extreme procedure as to repeal the whole act.

The Federation recognizes the need of proceeding very cautiously against an initiative measure once it has been enacted by a popular vote of the people. To oppose such a decision by the voters, there must be very compelling reasons. In this case, we do not believe there is any justification to take such drastic action or to support such an extreme measure. Until it is demonstrated that the act as it now stands cannot be improved by repealing just those provisions which are not equitable and beneficial, it would be a serious mistake to participate in any campaign whose consequences we fear at this time. In our opinion, this proposition would be detrimental to the best interests of the aged and the blind.

Acacia nigra trees, grown in some parts of Brazil, are a rich source of tannin for leather-making, and are also soil-builders because they are leguminous plants.

Temos Set Up Branches

Chicago.—Seven hundred delegates from all over the country gathered here March 1-3 to establish five more nation-wide trade divisions within the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL).

The conference, called by Exec. Vice President Dave Beck of Seattle, considered plans for the following branch organizations:

1. Laundry and dry cleaning drivers and solicitors;
2. Dairy and creamery employees, including milk drivers and inside workers, ice cream plant workers and drivers, milk haulers, butter and cheese makers, and all creamery plant employees engaged in handling both fluid milk and all milk products;

3. Beverage employees, including all inside brewery workers, platform men, drivers and salesmen, all inside soft drink workers, loaders, drivers and salesmen, all wine and liquor platform men, drivers and salesmen;

4. Retail delivery drivers, including all food, tobacco and confectionery sales and service trucks and salesmen of all types who drive passenger cars;

5. Miscellaneous drivers, including all studio, theatrical, sanitary, armored car, newspaper and periodical drivers and circulation department employees, florist drivers, retail grocery drivers, motorcycle drivers, and messengers.

Purpose of the Chicago meeting was to establish policy committees and determine other organizing details. Similar machinery has already been set up for over-the-road (motor freight) and warehouse divisions, with automotive trades and moving van divisions scheduled next. There will be 15 or 16 more groups in all, each chartered under the IBT.

Beck has announced there will be no new type of assessment collected. Financing of the trade divisions is supposed to be by voluntary contributions matched by the international union.

An early test of the new plan will come April 1-15, when a nationwide check on motor freight drivers takes place.

The union has established an office in Washington, D. C., with a legal staff headed by former Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Montana Democrat with 20 years of experience in Interstate Commerce Commission legislation. Improvement and enforcement of ICC regulations are avowed intentions of the AFL union.

Unit of AFL Fire Fighters Sets Up Press Award Plan

Philadelphia.—Two awards of \$250 each for the best news and photographic coverage of Bureau of Fire activities during the current year, established by the City Firemen's Protective Association were announced here by James J. Forbes, president of Local 22 of the AFL's International Association of Fire Fighters.

Forbes said the association would present the awards to the reporter writing the best story about the Philadelphia Bureau of Fire and to the photographer taking the best action picture of the work of the men in the Fire Bureau. Winners will be chosen by a committee of experts, he said.

Free \$\$\$ Speech

Militant young Sen. Hubert Humphrey, of Minnesota, told the Senate Labor Committee that there is not much of free speech in labor-management relations when a company can dip down into hundreds of millions of dollars (like AT&T) for advertising and propaganda while a union's funds are distinctly limited. Both the Republicans and union officials sat bolt upright when Humphrey proposed to give the union and the company each \$15,000,000 each year for advertising campaigns. The secretary-treasurer of two unions almost swooned and the vice-president of a rubber company started tearing his copy of the "NAM News" into paper dolls.

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LABOR'S POLITICAL ARM

At last California labor, as represented by the California Labor League for Political Education, which last November proved its effectiveness in helping to carry the state of California for Truman in the presidential contest, has broken loose from its former policy of "No Politics in the Union," with the enthusiastic approval of the State Federation of Labor.

The decision was made at Fresno, Feb. 26, when 350 delegates from Central Labor and Building Trades Councils, from all parts of the state, decided unanimously in favor of making their political education league permanent and entrusted it with the task of organizing and uniting all labor in California into one solid political phalanx.

The fact that this work is being turned over to a political education league of labor is significant, since the only reason labor does not dominate the politics of the United States, has always been the deplorable lack of political education among our workers, both organized and unorganized. Not until Congress and our state legislature undertook to legislate organized labor out of existence did the members of our California unions begin to realize that everything they had won through their trade unions was on the verge of being taken from them, by legislation.

Now California workers are organizing politically. The unions are being asked to make an investment of 3 cents per capita a month, starting March 1st. Don't stop with just paying your quota. Get into the front line of battle and help win for labor.

WHY REPEAL PENSION LAW?

What looks like a carefully planned and well financed attack on our present pension law, which was adopted last November by the voters of California, is reported to have reached the stage where petitions are being circulated asking for its outright repeal. Ostensibly the initiative petition is being sponsored by an association of the blind, but everything indicates that the finances for this campaign are being supplied by others, who have plenty money to use for that purpose.

Is there any good reason why the people of California should at this time go to the extra expense of holding such an election? Since the voters adopted this measure when it became law in the first place it is quite likely that it would be adopted again by a much larger majority, if and when submitted to our voters at a special election that might be called in the near future. To give the new law, which already is in effect, anything like a fair trial it should be allowed to remain in operation at least till the next regular election.

As the California State Federation of Labor membership, that gathered at Fresno Feb. 6, well said: "The Federation recognizes the need of proceeding very cautiously against any initiative measure once it has been enacted by a popular vote of the people."—"it would be a serious mistake to participate in any campaign, whose consequences we fear at this time. In our opinion, this proposition would be detrimental to the best interests of the aged and the blind."

We agree with this. Don't sign any of these initiative petitions to repeal our present pension law, which has been in operation since January 1st.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

When has any political party had such an opportunity as the Democratic party has today? All that this party needs to do is to carry out its pre-election promises, not only to labor but to the American people. Weeks have rolled by since the 81st Congress took over, but so far little or nothing has been done, except to talk.

Sometimes talk is enlightening but unless it is followed by performance it does not get anywhere. What the people who elected Truman and put the Democratic party in control of the 81st Congress are looking for is fulfillment of their pre-election pledges. Anything short of this will put the Democratic party in a mighty bad hole when the next election rolls around.

Opportunity to make good their pledges is still knocking at the door of the Democratic party. But that opportunity won't continue knocking forever. Either the Democratic party will be getting into action pretty soon or stand forth discredited for failing to keep its pledges. What will the party in power actually do? Why are they hesitating to act?

Don't forget that our registration law has been changed so that now you must register two whole weeks earlier than the forty-day limit previously in force. The surest way to lick this one is to get registered immediately.

The man or woman who fails to vote has thereby thrown to the winds the most precious right possessed by an inhabitant of a democracy.



Building Trades Oppose 'Economy Housing' Plan

(From AFL Bldg. Trades Dept. February Bulletin).

All state and local building trades councils were told by President Gray in his letter of January 26 that the Department has found it impossible to take part in the so-called "Economy Housing Program" which is being given such wide publicity throughout the country by the Federal Housing Administration and the real estate interests. The publicity put out so far on this program claims, almost without exception, that the program has the support of "labor." That claim is entirely unjustified and untrue, since both the Department and the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor have refused to endorse the program.

ECONOMY BUNK

The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. said in a statement issued recently in Miami that, "The elaborate plans for this drive which have been made public cannot conceal the fact that the 'economy house' represents simply an attempt to force middle-income families to accept standards below the level of decent housing."

Cost reductions are achieved mainly by such drastic cutting-down of living space that the houses are completely inadequate for ordinary family living. If these 'economy houses' should be built in any appreciable numbers, they may well become the slums of tomorrow." This is far from endorse ment.

The great danger is that the "Economy Housing Program" will be used to convince both the people of the country and Congress that private builders have all but solved the housing problem, and that no further legislation is needed. The program has all the appearances of a last stand of the real estate interests, who, having skimmed the cream from the high-priced home market on which they have been concentrating their efforts since the war and who, in addition, can no longer depend on Congress to do their bidding, now come along with the "economy house" drive as part of the effort

to stave off the kind of legislation for which labor has fought so long. **CLEVERLY PLANNED**

The timing of the drive, for one thing, is cleverly planned for this purpose. The sponsors of the program, too, must necessarily make labor skeptical of its real purpose. Here are the real estate interests which have so actively and so successfully fought for the last several years all our attempts to secure a broad, long-range housing program. The National Association of Home Builders, for one, has just issued a pamphlet called, "You've got a stake in this, Mister," which is aimed directly at opposing public housing legislation of any kind, and talks up in its place the "economy house." It urges all readers of the pamphlet to make their feelings known to Congress. Taking everything together, labor cannot be too wary of the economy housing program, and it is for this reason that President Gray made known his position.

The thing to remember in connection with a housing program for the middle-income families of the nation—which the economy housing program purports to be—is that savings must be made in reduced carrying charges, profits

and other costs, and not by cutting down on living space and lowering construction standards. The houses which are being given publicity under the economy housing drive, as "economy houses" cannot be considered by labor as furnishing decent housing.

No family will solve its housing problem by buying a House for \$6,500 or \$7,000 when that house is so small and so inadequate as to fail completely to give the family decent living conditions.

AUTO HINTS

Tire Changing Tip.—Removal of a wheel and tire assembly from an automobile can be simplified by loosening the wheel nuts slightly before raising the car. In the same manner, the final nut tightening after the wheel has been replaced should be made when the car has been lowered so as to make sure that the wheel nuts fit firmly in the grooves provided for them.

Keep Lenses Clear.—Accumulated raindrops on automobile headlights tend to reduce efficiency of the lights by diffusing the light rays. Wipe the headlight lenses with a cloth moistened with glycerine to prevent raindrops from collecting on the surface.

Things That Injure.—There's such wisdom in the ancient saying, "Things that injure teach," but unfortunately many injuries in highway accidents are so serious that the lesson is lost, observes the California State Automobile Association, in urging careful walking and careful driving in traffic.

Don't Obstruct View.—Loading of an automobile with goods or passengers in such a manner as to obstruct the driver's view to the front or sides is prohibited by the Vehicle Code. This safety provision also applies to loading a vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with the driver's control over the operating mechanism.

Brake With Engine.—When driving an automobile down hill, use of a gear which will permit the very minimum of control with the foot brakes is recommended by the California State Automobile Association. If the engine is allowed to do the braking, wear and tear on brake lining will be prevented.

Safety Zones.—Driving through safety zones provided for pedestrian protection is prohibited by the State Vehicle Code.

Headlight Adjustment.—Automobile headlights should be adjusted with a normal load in front and back seat in order to assure proper adjustment under normal driving conditions. Extra passengers in the rear seat or heavy baggage in the trunk may cause the headlights to tilt upward beyond the safety range.

SLOW TIRE LEAKS.—If an abnormal air loss is noted in any one tire, it should be carefully examined and the cause corrected. Slow leaks are usually caused by defective valves or leaking tubes.

MOTOR TUNE-UP.—Modern automobile engines require accurate adjustments to deliver top performance. If starting trouble develops gradually and it is difficult to diagnose the cause, consult a competent mechanic.

GRIN or GROAN

Old maids look for husbands every day—Business Agents' wives look for husbands every night.

Human ailments are about the same as ever but the Docs have given them more expensive names.

A man who doesn't know his own mind hasn't missed much.

Man was given imagination to compensate him for what he is not; and a sense of humor to console him for what he is.

When I told Eleanor that my dog is just like one of the family she asked, "Which one?"

The best way to avoid trouble is to wrong no man and write no woman.

JUSTIFIABLE

Mother: "Willie, why did you kick your little brother in the stomach?"

Willie: "It was his own fault; he turned around."

There is no index of character so sure as the voice.—Tancred.

A domestic philosopher has described puppy love as the beginning of a dog's life.

Our union halls should have speaker systems that would amplify the orators' ideas as well as their voices.

With some of them, the weaker the logic; the stronger the volume.

We learned that laughing hyenas eat once a week and mate once a year; and we wonder what they have to laugh about.

Some women pay you a compliment in a way that indicates they expect a receipt.

Young and inexperienced father (looking at triplets the nurse had just brought out).—"We'll take the one in the middle."

Professor—I have been robbed of my new pocketbook.

Wife—Didn't you feel a hand in your pocket?

Professor—Yes, but I thought it was my own.

"Doesn't your wife miss you when you stay out till three in the morning?"

"Occasionally; but usually her aim is perfect."

Customer: "Hey; you've cut my chin."

Barber: "That's all right, boss; you've got two more left."

"Pop, what does it mean when it says a man attends a convention as a delegate-at-large?"

"That means his wife wasn't along."

In these days of high living costs, children are so expensive only the poor can afford them. My niece says it costs more now to amuse a child than it once did to educate its parents. She says what we need is a new child labor law; to prevent the child from working the parents to death.

The stenographer says the ideal man should be tall, dark and handsome.

Contrary to general belief an egotist is not a man who thinks too much of himself; he is one who thinks too little of other people.

And a diplomat is one who can tell you to go to hell so pleasantly that you're anxious to get started.

Sufferer: "I wish I had some drops to cure this toothache."

Friend: "It's all a matter of mind. Yesterday I was feeling terrible. But when I went home, my wife put her arms about me and consoled me, and in no time I was feeling great."

Sufferer: "Is your wife home now?"

Merchant—"Our motto is 'We Aim to Please!'"

Customer — "Well, you should spend more time at target practice."

Point of View

Sonny—is a ton of coal very much?

Dad — That all depends on whether you're shoveling it or burning it.

Jackie—"Mom, when we have company for dinner tonight, do I have to eat my pie with a fork?"

Mother—"Yes."

Jackie—"Well, may I have a piece now to practice on?"

Little Dorothy had been promoted to the third grade and a few days later she met her second grade teacher.

"Gee, Miss Sullivan," she piped, "I hate to leave you. I wish you were smart enough to teach me this term."

As the result of a wartime project conducted in Saline and Pinal counties, Arkansas, more than 12,000,000 tons of recoverable bauxite—the principal ore of aluminum—were added to the Arkansas reserves.

Homes for Workers' Families

By RICHARD GRAY

President, AFL Building and Construction Trades Dept.

This is the second of a series of articles on legislative action to meet America's housing needs based on Mr. Gray's testimony before the Housing Subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Two-fifths of our families have incomes between \$2000 and \$4000. We know that the average factory worker earns about \$55 per week, and if he is forced to pay more than \$50 to \$60 a month for housing, he would have to curtail very seriously other expenditures essential for decent family living.

These families are not eligible for admission to low-rent public housing projects. They are unable to buy or rent the new houses or apartments which are being built today. We are convinced that in order to bring housing within the reach of these middle-income families, savings must be sought in carrying charges, profits, and operating and maintenance expenses rather than by a reduction of living quarters and a lowering of construction standards. Therefore, we heartily endorse the principle established in Title I of S. 724 which would make available new aids for housing these middle-income families.

FEDERAL LOANS
The program which S. 724 would establish provides for direct federal loans for large-scale rental and cooperative housing at the going federal interest rate (now 2½ per cent), plus one-half of 1 per cent to cover the cost of administration, for an amortization period covering the useful life of the dwelling, but not to exceed 60 years. These loans would be made available to (1) mutual ownership or cooperative ownership housing corporations; (2) nonprofit corporations; (3) limited dividend or other housing corporations restricted by law, regulations, or contracts so as to conform to requirements of this title with respect to rents, charges, rate of return, and methods of operation.

The entire program would be placed under a new Housing Loan Administration within the Housing and Home Finance Agency. We endorse this plan of organization because the success of this program is of such paramount importance that it requires the creation of a new separate administrative unit. We estimate that the total monthly payments or rents for units constructed under this program can be reduced to as low as \$50 to \$60 per month. Savings would be obtained in the following ways: (1) by reducing monthly financing costs through lower interest rate and longer amortization period; (2) my eliminating certain profit margins in making loans available to cooperatives and other nonprofit groups; (3) by an extremely low vacancy rate comparable to our experience under public housing; (4) by reducing operating and maintenance expenses through avoiding luxury services to tenants and arranging for a certain amount of tenant maintenance.

We believe that still further reductions might be obtained by eliminating the charge of one-half of 1 per cent covering the cost of administration of the program. This administrative cost can be covered by a simple appropriation, similar to that provided by other comparable programs of the federal government. It might even be desirable to set the rate at what the money actually costs the government, which at the present time would be about 2 per cent. We also believe that many communities might foster further reduction of costs by granting partial or complete tax exemption to cooperative and other nonprofit housing projects established under this program.

FUNDS INADEQUATE
Although we welcome this program provided for by S. 724, we feel that the funds authorized for loans under this program are entirely inadequate. We estimate that the \$500,000,000 per year made available for a period of 6 years would permit the building of only 60,000 units per year during each of the next 6 years. This will not even begin to meet the needs of the millions of middle-income families who are unable to secure decent housing today. We therefore strongly urge that the program should at least be doubled to allow the construction of at least 120,000 units each year under this program.

Open-mesh decking for bridges may become standard bridge equipment in the future; it is extremely light in comparison to present decking, and where tested it has proved satisfactory.

Trend Toward Guaranteed Wage Shown by Britain's Union Contracts

In the negotiation of union contracts there has been a distinct approach in Britain toward the principle of the guaranteed wage although, as yet, no uniform conditions have been laid down.

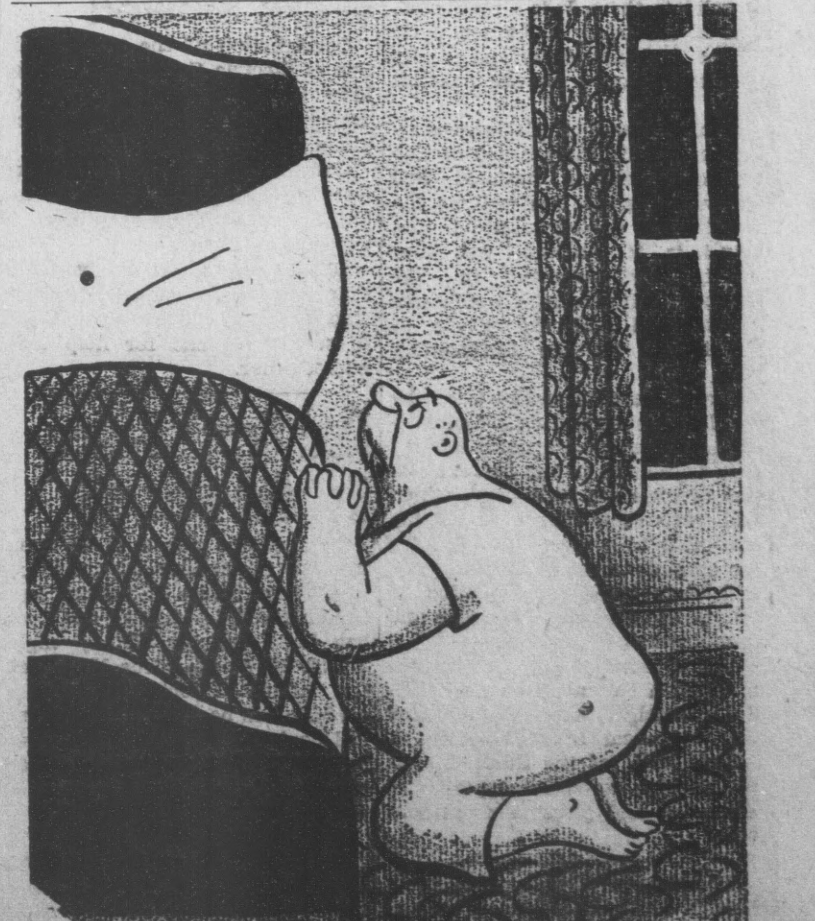
Collective bargaining has resulted in the institution of a guaranteed week or a guaranteed number of hours over a wide range of industry. The actual provisions of the guarantee vary considerably with different industries. Let us take a look at some of the current agreements.

The coal industry has agreed to provide a wages guarantee equal to the amount that would be earned during a normal working week in the particular grade of the individual worker.

34-HR. GUARANTEE
In engineering, all hourly rated manual workers who have been continuously employed for not less than four weeks are guaranteed wages equivalent to their hourly rate for 34 hours in any pay week, provided that they are capable of, available for, and willing to perform satisfactorily during working hours the work associated with their normal occupation, or reasonable alternative work when their normal work is not available.

In other industries the minimum payment is calculated on a percentage basis of average earnings. This occurs frequently in industries conditioned to a piece work basis. The boot and shoe industry is an outstanding example of this kind of arrangement.

Since the war, systems of guaranteed payments have been set up in more than 50 industry groups.



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Charges Bicycle Holdup

Washington. — Investigation by the Federal Trade Commission of the sale of bicycle parts resulted in charges of unfair trade practices being filed against 29 jobbers and 16 manufacturers last week. Accused both "individually and as representatives of the entire membership," those cited in the complaint are members of Cycle Jobbers Ass'n of America and Cycle Party & Accessories Ass'n, a manufacturers trade association.

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IMPORTANT TO ALL MEMBERS: Beginning with April, all regular meetings held in Salinas will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Moose Hall, 121-A Monterey Street. This change of your Union is because the Carpenters Hall will not seat all of our members.

Beginning with the second quarter of the year, all members in the Salinas area must attend at least one meeting in three months. Failure to attend will be subject to a \$2.50 fine. Remember to have your paid up dues book with you when attending the meetings.

All members in the Monterey area will continue their meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey. Attendance records will be kept on file at the union office beginning with April.

The Salinas Central Labor Council, AFL, is sponsoring a dance to raise funds for the American Red Cross. This is in connection with the drive now going on throughout the nation. This dance will be held at the Birds Nest on Friday, March 25. There will be music and other diversions such as acts, and Jim DeNoon's KSBW Melody Rangers will entertain you. Tickets can be procured at the office of your union, 274 E. Alisal Street, Salinas. Admission is \$1.25, federal tax included. It is incumbent upon all of us to assist this most charitable organization the American Red Cross.

Since you have recently read in the local papers regarding the illegal contract between the Growers-Shippers and the CIO, charges have been filed and one hearing has been held by the National Labor Relations Board in order that the AFL be afforded some protection to the sellout by Local 78 in conjunction with the Growers-Shippers of Central California, a contract that affords very little if anything to the majority of the workers in the sheds. Watch this column for further news regarding this matter.

With respect to the Texhoma Cab situation, your union is resorting to the courts in order to lift the picketing ban so that the fight may be continued against the scab-herding Texhoma Cab Company and the CIO Transport Workers, for the method in which a contract was procured. Your union was picketing the Texhoma Cab Company to reinstate some of our drivers. You of course are aware of the fact that the backdoor contract written by Texhoma with the CIO calls for less wages, longer hours and no conditions for the drivers. We ask all of our members and organized labor to boycott this company for selling labor generally down the road. We cannot forget that employers are quick to take any route in order to save a dollar, and sacrifice those in labor who have nothing to sell but their labor, down the river.

It is sad that organizations which claim they are labor organizations resort to collusion with the employers in order to procure contracts and rob their people. If your union accepted such methods of organization we would have, perhaps, organized a lot more people. It is sad too that situations of this kind reflect on decent unions. There will be no rest until this situation is cleared and the CIO Transport Workers and Texhoma Cab Company are removed from the ranks of decent employer groups and decent labor unions.

Your union, through the Salinas Central Labor Council, is attempting to lift the anti-picket ordinance which was prepared in 1938 as a result of the lettuce strike.

We wish to admonish all our members that under the present Constitution and By-Laws and in conjunction with the International Constitution and By-Laws, members will be subject to suspension from the union if they are delinquent three months in their dues. Remember that no member of this union shall be entitled to benefits unless they maintain their good standing.

We wish to advise all our members that the Salinas and Carl's Cab Company have changed their name to Black and White; their phone number is the same—Salinas 5565. Do not confuse Black and White Cabs with the non-union City Cab. When in need of cab service, remember to call either Yellow, 7337; Checker, 4866; Packard, 8001, or Black and White, 5565. These cabs are operated by members of the Teamsters Union, AFL, and the drivers are receiving a daily guarantee, they work decent hours, they receive conditions such as vacations, etc. Ask the cab driver if he is a member of the Teamsters' Union.

choice; and that platform included among other things the outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, the extension of Social Security to all workers, houses not only for people who can afford them at present prices but for the working people also, a minimum wage law of \$1 an hour, the abolition of racial discrimination, and many other things that will be beneficial to the public. We ask that you write to your Congressmen and Senators in your own handwriting, making it known to them in Washington, D.C., that the administration platform is the reason why you voted Truman back into office. DO THAT TODAY!

SPECIAL NOTICE

A drive is now on by this union to organize the Laundry Division. At present only Gailand Laundry is organized. We expect to receive the cooperation of the Bartenders, the Culinary Workers, and of course the Barbers' Union. Any assistance that can be rendered by the foregoing unions affiliated with the Salinas Central Labor Council will be most helpful.

Remember: If you are three months delinquent, you are subject to suspension. When requesting an honorable withdrawal card all dues must be paid, including the current month, before a withdrawal card can be issued to you. You must be in good standing to be eligible for any benefits from this union.

Buy Union-Made goods; patronize only Union services!

Did you receive your insurance policy? If not, notify the office of the union.

VETS NEWS

Gratuity payments to veterans for benefits administered by Veterans Administration are tax-free and need not be considered in computing income tax, VA reports.

Tax-exempt VA payments include the following: Subistence allowances for veterans training in schools, on farms and on-the-job under the G-I Bill and Public Law 16 (for the disabled).

Payments by VA to be applied to veterans' G-I loans. Under the G-I Bill, VA pays the lender an amount equivalent to four per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan to be credited to the veteran's account.

Readjustment allowances, paid under provisions of the G-I Bill, for Veterans' periods of unemployment and self-employment.

Disability compensation and pensions paid to veterans for both service-connected and non-service-connected disabilities.

Grants for paraplegic veterans for homes designed for wheelchair living.

World War I emergency officers' retirement pay.

Question: I served more than three years in the U.S. Army during World War II. I now wish to take institutional on-farm training and would like to know how much training I will be permitted to take?

Answer: An institutional on-farm training course may be as long as, but no longer than, is necessary to meet your individual training needs or until you have exhausted your four-year period of eligibility.

Question: Do I have to meet any set standard if I am taking an on-farm training course?

Answer: Yes. Once you start training, it is your responsibility to meet the standards of progress set by the institution in which you are enrolled. If you fail, your benefits will be discontinued.

Question: What farming tools and farming implements do I get while I am taking an on-farm training course under the G-I Bill?

Answer: VA will furnish you with no tools or farm equipment, since these are articles with which the farm must be equipped to meet the provisions of the law. However, books and incidental supplies required for classroom work will be furnished you.

Question: I am a veteran of World War II. What is the latest date on which I can start on-farm training under the G-I Bill?

Answer: You may commence training within four years from July 25, 1947, or within four years from your discharge or separation from service, whichever is later.

G-I INSURANCE

During the next six months the G-I term insurance of more than 5,000 veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii will expire and these veterans must take action to keep their contracts in force, Veterans Administration reports.

Veterans whose term insurance is approaching the expiration date are those who went into service early with various National Guard units and the first Selective Service contingents.

Expiring G-I term insurance contracts may be renewed for a new five-year term or converted to a permanent plan.

Original term insurance taken out while in service before the

end of 1945 expires eight years after it was issued. Many veterans took out their insurance early in 1941 and these term contracts are expiring now.

After September of this year the number of term contracts expiring each month is expected to increase rapidly, VA said.

More than 446,000 veterans in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii have G-I insurance contracts in force, including 111,000 veterans who have converted to any one of the six plans of permanent insurance.

Two months before the expiration date of term contracts VA will notify the veteran concerned. If veterans do not apply for renewal or conversion before their original insurance expires, they will be required to take a physical examination to regain their coverage at a later date.

CALIF. SCHOOLING

More than 148,000 California veterans are presently in school or job training under the G-I Bill or Public Law 16, Veterans Administration announces.

VA records show that approximately 273,000 California veterans have terminated their training or schooling. The vast majority are believed to have completed their training under the G-I Bill.

Of those terminating their training only 2,311 were dropped from the G-I Bill program because their entitlement was exhausted. VA lists 4,249 of the terminations as disabled veterans who completed their training and rehabilitation under Public Law 16.

Question: I am an honorably discharged World War II veteran. At present, I am in prison for a minor offense. May I receive a correspondence course under the provisions of the G-I Bill?

Answer: Yes. The Veterans Administration makes contracts with approved schools and will pay for accredited courses, but no subsistence allowance will be paid.

CALIF. G-I LOANS

Applications by California veterans for loan guarantees under the G-I Bill have been on the upswing for the past two months, Veterans Administration reports.

From a monthly high of 7,781 applications for guarantees in September 1947, there was a steady monthly decrease to a low of 2,153 applications in November 1948.

Last December the applications jumped to 2,430 and the upward trend was continued in January with 2,672.

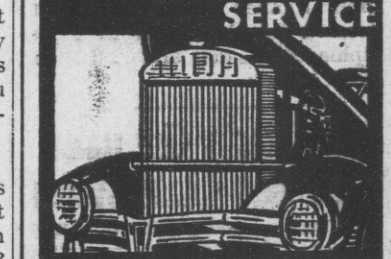
California veterans have received 177,617 guaranteed or insured loans, valued at \$1,213,813,000. Home loans totaled 167,511, valued at \$1,173,007,000; the 1,193 farm loans are valued at \$7,992,000 and 8,913 business loans at \$32,814,000.

California veterans have received 10.4 per cent of the loan guarantees granted throughout the country and their holdings represent 14.6 per cent of the dollar volume of all G-I loans.

VA reports that in the home loan class California veterans have received 11.9 per cent of the national total and their holdings represent 15 per cent of the dollar volume.

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WHAT SCHOOLMEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LABOR UNIONS

By KERMIT EBY

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of three installments of an article which appeared in last month's issue of the American School Board Journal, the article reprinted in this paper at the suggestion of Earl Moorhead, secretary of San Jose Butchers' Union 506 and member of the San Jose Board of Education.)

The desire for security on the part of the workers ranks next to status. By security I mean the assurance that the job at which the worker is employed will continue and the pay will be high enough so his family can have all the necessities of life, plus some of its amenities.

In other words, mere subsistence is not enough! It is this desire for security which causes men to join unions. Workers believe further, more, as demonstrated in all recent union shop elections, that unions contribute to the achievement of this security. In this, there is a marked reversal of the commonly emphasized philosophy stressed in many schools, and believed by too many graduates, namely that a man can achieve his security through individual rather than group effort. It might even be argued that the natural evolution of such thinking was responsible for the results of the last election.

Examination of union programs will show an increasing emphasis on welfare legislation, such as social security, health, minimum wages, housing, etc. Contract negotiations no longer deal primarily with wages, hours and working conditions. So-called fringe issues such as annual wages, retirement schemes, group insurance, receive increasing consideration.

SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS ASKED BY LABOR

I wonder if teachers and school officials realize that a study of the resolutions of labor conventions shows stress on social questions above all other issues. For example, 75 per cent of last year's CIO resolutions dealt with such subjects as U. S. aid to education, fair labor standards, children, child labor, crusade for children, women workers, safety, soil conservation, and workers' education.

Nor is this emphasis a recent one. Organized labor, as every intelligent person knows, has the most consistent record of any American group in the support of public education and social legislation. Alert teachers know they can always find allies from among the ranks of the workers when their program needs political support. President Murray of the CIO takes great pride in the fact that he served as a member of the Pittsburgh Board of Education for more than 20 years. Today, his example is being followed by more and more labor men and workers.

This drive for security has less comforting aspects than these I have analyzed. Acquaintance with workers, studying their reactions, has convinced me they will never again accept the consequences of depression as passively as they did from 1929 to 1939. Since 1940, the workers of America have experienced full employment. True, it was only achieved as a by-product of military preparedness, of war, and its aftermath, but these war experiences strengthen the workers' conviction that America can and must do as much in peace as was accomplished as a by-product of war and preparation for war.

Thinking trade unionists believe that their demands for a greater share of this world's goods is not a purely selfish demand. The maintenance of a full employment economy, at present high levels of production, is only possible if the workers as consumers have the money to buy back the goods the

machines produced. In other words, union leaders say we cannot have mass production without mass consumption, and continuous mass consumption is dependent on an ever-closer balance between purchasing power and the volume of goods and services produced. Profits, particularly uninvested and idle ones, labor economists argue, are dangerous in our kind of economy. Hence, the insistence on a balanced relationship between wages, prices and profits.

It is not the purpose of this article to argue labor's wage case, instead it is my ambition to stimulate teachers and school officials to examine labor's argument and see if there is any validity to its contention that farmers do not prosper unless workers prosper, and small business and professions—such as doctors and teachers—are more closely allied in their interests to workers than they are to monopoly capital.

POLITICAL ACTION AND THE UNIONS

It is at this point that the greatest struggle is being waged for the minds of teachers. Business organizations send their propaganda to schools, emphasizing free enterprise and attempting to identify it with the American way. Labor replies, and contends that human rights always transcend property rights. Teachers who do not want to be propped up by an equal amount of argument from all sides could make a real contribution to intellectual freedom by examining the issues and publishing their own conclusions for fellow teachers and students.

But more of this later. Political action and legislation naturally follow the formation of strong and alert unions. Interest in legislation is a direct outgrowth of the trade unionists' conviction that collective bargaining and contracts with management are not enough to insure the workers' economic security. They have experienced too many depressions, have seen too many plants closed by cancellation of war contracts, and have suffered too much inflation to believe that social gains can be protected without legislation.

This mighty emphasis on political action was most recently pioneered by the CIO, but in the last election the AFL was almost equally active. In both organizations tremendous educational programs are carried on to develop an understanding of labor's program. Schools and discussion groups are run to develop the more advanced, pamphlets and films are used for the beginners, and great rallies are held for everyone.

This educational program stresses the moral and civic responsibilities of the worker. Labor, its more responsible leaders believe, "cannot win friends and influence people" if it fails to consider the interests of the total community, nor if it fails to carry its load in the support of and leadership in community organizations. In other words, organized labor must not be satisfied to be a mere pressure group. With power must go responsibility.

Teachers and school officials should know about this growing civic consciousness on the part of labor, particularly since its development is dependent on a well developed adult education program. Teachers can be helpful in such a program. They have the goods to sell and the workers need their products.

Ours is a complicated world, so complicated in fact that I sometimes wonder if any of us can know enough to make intelligent decisions. But we must not be defeated. Where democracy is weak the only sure cure is more education and more democracy.

Incidentally, workers have some rather clear impressions about the kind of knowledge they need to be effective trade unionists. Public speaking, Roberts Rules of Order, and public relations information always rank high in their requests for help. They believe, of course, that one cannot advance in union or political circles unless one can speak fluently, and master the parliamentary techniques. Perhaps they are right.

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Conn. State Fed. Holds Social Work Conference

New Haven, Conn.—A statewide conference on Labor-Social Work was held under the auspices of the Connecticut State Federation of Labor here February 26.

The all-day conference was open to delegates from affiliated local unions throughout the state, representatives of chests and councils, and lay leaders interested in social work.

Among the nationally well-known speakers who addressed the conference were Ralph Wright, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Ralph Blanchard, executive director of community chests and councils of America.

Steady Drop In Prices is Needed—AFL

Washington, D. C.—The American Federation of Labor Monthly Survey declared that "a gradual and orderly decline in high prices is greatly needed now to increase buying power of workers and other consumers and bring them back into the market."

The danger of inflation is gradually disappearing, the survey said. "The need at present," it said, "is rather to make up the serious lag in workers' buying power so that business can reach a normal peacetime balance without sliding off into a recession."

The present business situation was characterized as "precarious." Unemployment could increase or inflationary policies "might check the normal downward adjustment of prices," the survey said. "Much depends on the wisdom of union leaders, business executives, government officials," it added.

Suggesting that buying power of workers must increase each year in order to absorb the country's output of goods, the AFL said it could be accomplished "by continued downward adjustment of prices" or by raising wages without increasing prices as productivity rises.

AFL research workers made public a study of an eastern metal-working plant. They found that three-fourths of the workers were exhausting savings to keep abreast of living costs. The items these workers had hoped to buy with their war bonds and savings, such as refrigerators, radios, furniture, houses and automobiles, now are beyond their reach.

Fantastic Growth Shown by ILGWU's Health Care Center

New York.—From a one-room, one-physician medical care program to a modern clinic with 148 physicians, 33 nurses, 27 technicians, and hundreds of other employees is the success story of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union Health Center.

Culmination of 35 years of union health activity came last week when Labor Secretary Tobin and Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing joined with AFL President William Green and AFL President David Dubinsky to dedicate the new center in the ILGWU skyscraper headquarters here.

"You have established a precedent and a goal for all other labor organizations in the country," the Secretary of Labor told the ILGWU luncheon after he had toured the six floors that the center occupies at ILGWU headquarters.

Ewing and President Green both urged support of the proposal for a federal health insurance program to spread the risks of ill health, and to make it possible for all people to have modern medical services.

"It is a living testimonial," the N.Y. Times editorialized the day after the opening, "to the contribution enlightened unionism is making to the welfare of our city." The ILGWU health center, which treats ambulatory cases, and puts special emphasis on preventing illness and health education, is financed by employer contributions under contracts negotiated by the union. Similar health centers are operated by the union in Philadelphia, Rochester, and Fall River, Mass.

Retail Clerks Get Raise In Chicago Chain Stores

Chicago.—Food clerks of America's second largest metropolitan area—Chicago and suburban cities—have had more than a million dollars added to their annual wages.

This pay raise is the result of a new contract jointly negotiated by the Chicago Council of Retail Clerks, AFL, and other local unions of the Retail Clerks International Association, with the Kroger Company, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, National Tea Company, and independent grocers.

The industrywide pact covers some 6,500 grocery clerks—including members in Gary and Hammond, Ind.—and carries a union security provision and a boost in wage rates of \$3 to \$5 more per week.

Builds—And Lays Off

Newton, Ia.—Hard times and prosperity appear to be bunk mates at the Maytag Co. here. The company has been pointing with pride to a new \$5 million plant nearing completion, with 500 or 600 workers scheduled to produce automatic washers.

Meanwhile, 300 to 2500 workers engaged in producing conventional washers have been laid off because of "readjustment in line with demand." The company has just announced payment in March of a quarterly dividend of 25c a share on common stock.

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ELECTRIC WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 8 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 240 Pacific St., Monterey, phone 6744; Sec., 240 Pacific St., Monterey, phone 6744.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas, Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo Derby, 483 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Columbia 8865-M. Main office, 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744.

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:30 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Col. 9320; Bus. Agt., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744; Sec., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Col. 9320; Bus. Agt., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744; Sec., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744.

ELECTRIC WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St., Pres., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Col. 9320; Bus. Agt., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744; Sec., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 6744.

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